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## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents cited on the attached PTO-1449 form. A copy of each document that is not a U.S. patent document has been submitted herewith.

The cited U.S. Patent documents were called to Applicants' attention in an Office Action dated June 23, 2008, in U.S. Patent Application No. 10/551,174. A copy of the Office Action has been submitted herewith

The cited article was called to Applicants' attention in an Office Action dated May 9, 2008, in Chinese Patent Application No. 2004/80010762.4, which is in the same patent family as the present application. English translations of the article and the Chinese Office Action have been submitted herewith.

To the best of Applicants' knowledge, neither a final Office Action nor a Notice of Allowance has been mailed in the present application.

It is respectfully requested that the cited documents be considered by the

Examiner and that an initialed copy of the PTO-1449 form be returned indicating that the

documents have been considered.

Submitted herewith is the payment of \$180.00 for the fee due under 37

C.F.R. § 1.97(c)(2). Any deficiency in or overpayment of this fee may be charged or

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